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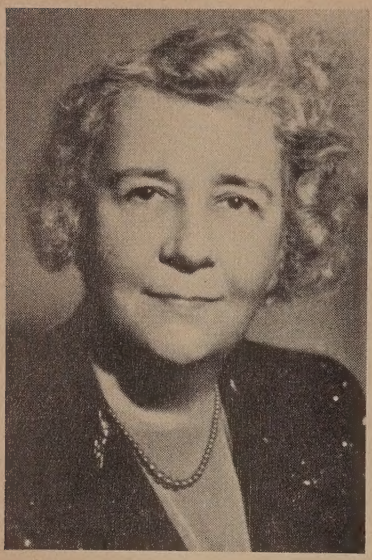

Miss Margaret Applegarth
Guest Leader

On September 9 and 10, Wichita Plymouth will be host to the Third Annual Mass Meeting and Planning Conference with Dr. Walter H. Upton as Host Pastor.

Featured on the program will be Miss Margaret T. Applegarth, traveling speaker on Christian Unity and Ecumenical Education.

Miss Applegarth is a fascinating speaker with a wealth of interesting information on the church situation around the world. She has taught at international study conferences, has lectured before women's clubs, parent-teacher associations, Story Tellers' Leagues, and club groups. She has been the daily devotional leader during the worship periods at many large interdenominational gatherings, and also has participated for several years in various cities in the National Christian Missions and the American Ashrams sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches.

As a writer, Miss Applegarth is well known throughout the different denominations. She is the author of 30 books on missionary and world friendship themes; nine have been interdenominational Junior mission textbooks in the regular study courses. Her last book "Right Here, Right Now" is a volume of dramatic, teaching worship services.

The Rev. R. Norris Wilson, Associate Minister and Executive Secretary of The Missions Council, will give special leadership to the Laymen's meetings and will speak also to the entire group. Mr. Wilson has major responsibilities in stewardship promotion, assisting state conferences, stewardship chairmen, Pilgrim Fellowship leaders and religious education directors. He cultivates wider and more effective uses of visual aids, radio and television. He is a worthy interpreter of Our Christian World Mission.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FOUR THOUSAND MORE BY FIFTY FOUR

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"The New Moderator Speaking"

Mrs. John W. Gibson

A group of churchmen, meeting recently, were discussing the matter of giving. Among those in the crowd were three lay people, two young men, and an older woman. In the course of the discussion, it was revealed that all three lay people tithed, two giving the fifteen percent the Federal Tax collector allows, instead of the ten percent tithe.

What a glorious experience it would be if our Congregational and Christian churches of Kansas would consider tithing in our churches and would give the half of it to work outside the local church, wherever it was needed, in the state, over the nation, throughout the world.

Matthew says, "For where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also."

If one is committed to giving a tenth, he will wish to know where the money is used, so will inform himself of the needs of the Christian Church. Informing himself, he will be eager to share his knowledge with others. It just works that way!

Let's make this a Layman's Crusade to put Kansas Congregationalism on the tithing map this year.

It's our job, laymen, not the ministers!

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WICHITA - SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY

Two services are held each Sunday Morning; the first from 9:45-10:45 as Church School meets; the second at 11. The adult church school class meets Sunday evening 6 to 8 with a Pot Luck Supper the first hour and a discussion period led by the Rev. Floyd Davidson, the second hour.

A Men's Group was organized on May 9 with the Rev. Floyd Davidson as Chairman of the Steering Committee. They meet every Wednesday evening; their meeting May 23 was in the form of a hamburg fry at the church home "Dutch Oven." The men seem to be looking for work to do. Water in the basement has called for a "Mop Detail" with many volunteers answering the call. "Lawn Detail" has been cared for by the men also. They are organized for an Every Member Canvass on June 17.

Women too are organized: each week several volunteers help in cleaning the church home.

A gift of $612.00 voted by the Kansas Women's Dept., will be used for office furniture and visual equipment.

Two choirs are now organized under the leadership of Donna Hair and Mary Wright.

"WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS" — Paul Reynolds

A study was recently made in connection with the Milwaukee public schools. A number of unusually happy, well-adjusted children were selected. The choice was made from various age levels. An intensive two year research study was then made of various factors in the family situations of these children.

Certain factors were found to be of little importance. Among these were such things as the age of the parents at the birth of the child, the educational level of the parents, (some had not even finished grade school while others held university or graduate school degrees), the type and degree of severity of discipline, the housing situation (within reasonable limits — some children having a room of their own, others sharing a room with older children; double beds, etc.

Four factors were found to be very persistent, hence of real importance, they were:

1. The members of the family doing things together; work, play, talking things over.
2. Love of the parents for each other.
3. Love and esteem of the parents for the children.
4. Some type of religious faith and practice, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant — varying from liberal to conservative.

We may not be able to influence directly the United Nations and the course of world events, but most of us live in families and we can do something about such matters as these mentioned just above.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Reverend Charles Wesley Fisher, retired Congregational minister, passed away May 17, 1951 at his home in Wichita at the age of 89. The Rev. Mr. Fisher was born in West Virginia and received his education there and was a graduate of the American Law School in Chicago. Several colleges offered him degrees which he refused to accept and could have had the "Ph.D" had a thesis been written.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher had served Kansas churches at Kiowa, Pittsburg, Nickerson, Mt. Hope, Maize and Arkansas City.

Memorial services were held May 19 with the Rev. Harry Scott, Pastor at Udall, officiating. Burial was in the mausoleum at White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

At a meeting of the Women's Department Board in Topeka at State Conference time, the Paul Bockoven Memorial Scholarship of $250.00 was awarded to Mr. Leon McKusick who graduated the last of May from the College of Emporia. Leon is a Music Major, but plans to enter Chicago Theological Seminary in September to prepare for the Christian ministry. He has served as a supply minister in a number of Congregational churches during this school year. He supplied Topeka Seabrook for more than two months; has preached at Sabetha, Whitewater and Pauline. During the summer months he is giving full time to our church in Independence. He will go east to be married in June, following Senior Camp, where he will have charge of the music and assist with waterfront activities. He was a guest soloist for the dedication of the Bockoven Memorial Chapel at State Conference.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Mr. Chester W. Bidleman, Chairman

During the State Conference in Topeka last month, the Laymen's Fellowship made plans that can be of much help to our churches, during the coming year.

It is planned to hold a Laymen's Retreat at our new church in Wichita, Saturday evening, September 8. The plans are to have a supper out there, to be followed by an evening meeting of laymen. Provision will be made for the entertainment of wives who might wish to accompany their husbands. The church will not attempt to provide rooms for those attending.

Gordon Jones informs us, that Norris Wilson, a young man of the Missions Council, will be available for that meeting. He will bring a worthwhile message for laymen. Many of our church problems will be presented and discussed. At this meeting, it is hoped to get "key" lay representation from a large number of churches.

This year the State Planning Conference is to be held at Wichita Plymouth on September 9th and 10th. Attendance at the Retreat will make it very convenient for laymen to attend the mass meetings Sunday afternoon and evening at Wichita Plymouth. There should be well over 100 laymen at the Sunday meetings. We should try to equal the number that will be in attendance for the Women's meeting at that time. Plan now to get one or more carloads, from your church, to attend this important meeting.

An effort is being made to get active men's groups formed in each church. If we are to successfully carry on the O.C.W.M. program and to reach the goal of 20,000 members by 1954, the goal set by the Centennial Committee, much lay cooperation and effort will be needed. It may seem to be a large task, but we can, if we will, accomplish difficult tasks.

Helps for organiing lay groups may be obtained by contacting, Frank Korab, Kansas City; Gordon Jones, Wichita; E. C. Wedell, Great Bend; the State Office at Topeka, or Mr. Chester Bidleman, Kinsley. Please avail yourself of any or all of these sources.

A lay group should be organized for worship, study, fellowship, and work together. The primary purpose should not be that of money raising, nor should it only have social aims. Such a group should be a part of the church. Every church has some goals to be achieved where laymen may play an important part.

One point of emphasis, established by the National Laymen's Fellowship, is the promotion of schools of churchmanship. This has been done by many of our groups in past years with good results. There is nothing new about this idea, but it works and does much good for the men and their churches. It is hoped that during the coming year every church will have a chance to participate in a school of churchmanship.

This space
dedicated
to the churches who were
going to send news to
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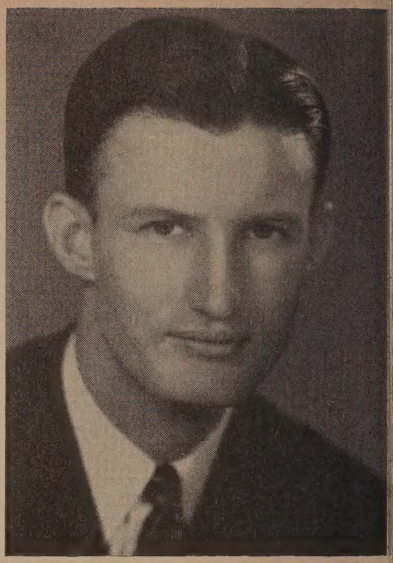


Mr. Gordon N. Jones
Stewardship Chairman

TO RACINE, WISCONSIN

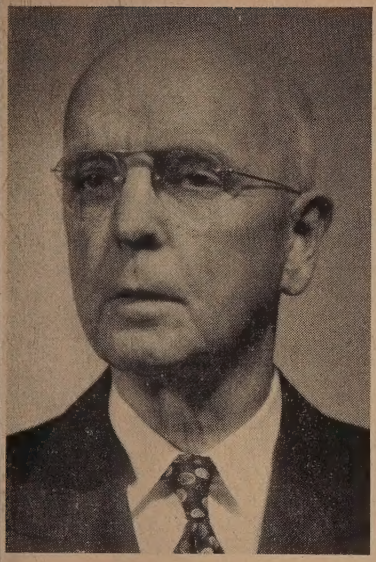
On May 29, 30 and 31, Kansas was represented at the meeting of the National Committee on Our Christian World Missions by Mr. Gordon Jones, Stewardship Chairman, member of Wichita Fairmount Church.

At the National meeting, plans were laid for our program of sharing for the coming year. An advance in giving of 12% over 1950 must be reached if the present program is carried out. For the first four months receipts on Our Christian World Mission from Kansas have shown a 12% increase. We hope this trend will continue.

Mr. Jones is making a special study of Stewardship in our churches and urges laymen in each local church to become informed about Our Christian World Mission.

"WHEN WE KNOW, WE CARE,
WHEN WE CARE, WE SHARE."

New Leadership



Dr. John G. Hindley

KANSAS CITY FIRST PILGRIM

Dr. John G. Hindley began leadership as interim pastor on May 6, following the return of the Rev. Edgar Winn to the chaplaincy.

Mr. Hindley, now retired, has served number of interim pastorates in Ohio. In 1933 he went on a Goodwill Preaching Mission to England. He is native of Canada and a graduate of McGill University in Montreal. He received his Doctor of Divinity degree in Montreal. Dr. and Mrs. Hindley have our grown children — three sons and daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Hindley are at home in the Congregational Parsonage at 724 N. 16th, Kansas City, Kansas.

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FOUR THOUSAND MORE BY '54

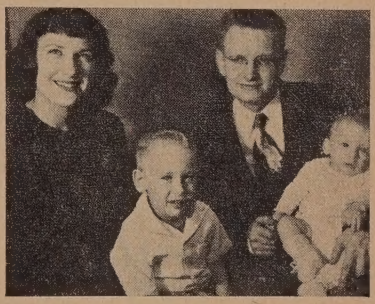
CENTRALIA

The Rev. and Mrs. Glen Argo and three sons (two shown in the picture) moved into the parsonage at Centralia on June first.

Mr. Argo is a native of Denver, a graduate of Andover Newton Seminary and served a church at Medfield, Mass., before returning to Wiggins, Colorado where he has served our Congregational church for two years.

The Centralia Church is beautiful with its remodeled sanctuary and fellowship rooms. The parsonage was made ready and a hearty welcome awaited the Argo's.

Mr. Craig Baughman was Chairman of the Committee which called the Argo's. We join in welcoming them to our Kansas fellowship.



Rev. and Mrs. Glen L. Argo and children

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On August first the Rev. Paul Nicely of Mitchelville, Iowa will begin work as Director of Religious Education at Topeka Central. Mr. Nicely received a Bachelor of Divinity degree this month and will be ordained in Central Church. He and Mrs. Nicely will move to Topeka in mid-summer.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Mrs. E. C. Garrison

To be asked to serve as President of the Women's Department of our Kansas Congregational-Christian Conference, is just the nicest thing that could have happened to me. I approach the new work with humility and ask for prayers and guidance from all the women of our Conference.

When Mrs. Davidson asked me to be your nominee and suggest a lady to serve as Corresponding Secretary, one name immediately came to my mind, and I want you to know I could not serve as your President without the efficient help of Miss Bertha Tindal.

To our retiring President, Mrs. Gibson, may I say a very warm, "Thank You." She has been my inspiration for many years and like the rest of you, I have learned to love her. I know she will be standing by.

At our board meeting held in Topeka following the State Conference, we voted to give one scholarship to Mr. Leon McKusick. A second scholarship was voted, the recipient to be decided by the committee. The money remaining in the treasury at the close of the year is to be given to our new church in Wichita. As the interest from our Memorial Fund Investment is to be used for promotional work plans were discussed as to how we might reach the smaller churches. The matter of workshops was discussed and we hope to have several over the state next fall. Won't you who are Presidents of local groups write to me if you are interested in having a visit from one of your State or Association secretaries.

Some of you elect your officers during May and June and so we do not have the names of your new officers. Please send the names of your President and Key Woman to Miss Bertha Tindal, Osborne.

It was my privilege to attend the new Gorham Community Church on May 6th. This was their Founder's Day and something I shall never forget.

It has been a pleasure to serve under Mrs. Gibson as your Friendly Service Secretary, and I know from that experience you are a fine group of women and will cooperate and we shall go forward as we take up our new challenge to build a "Highway For Our God."

Leona Garrison (Mrs. E. C.)

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CLOSING OF FESSENDEN ACADEMY

It is with a mixed sense of regret and achievement that I notify you of the action taken by the Directors of the Board of Home Missions to terminate our work at Fessenden Academy at the close of the current academic year.

There are many reasons for this decision, including the decrease in enrollment which reveals that the need for a private high school in that area is disappearing. This reduced enrollment is due in part to the fact that the State of Florida has improved its educational service to all students and that the veteran's enrollment under the G.I. Bill of Rights has decreased drastically.

So no more supplies should be sent to Fessenden and any supplies on hand will continue to be used in other areas.

Helen Frances Smith
Missions Council

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WOMEN OF SOUTHEAST WICHITA

Women of Southeast Community Church, Wichita, were introduced to the Women's Department of the State Conference on Friday, May 25th by six Fairmount and Plymouth women.

Mrs. W. J. Rudrauff spoke on the objectives of Christian Education; Mrs. Elizabeth James presented the Woman's Gift; Mrs. Ted Combs, the work of Friendly Service Committee; Mrs. R. H. Garvey the Devotional Life, and Mrs. Floyd Q. Davidson, the part the local church plays in denominational and interdenominational life.

Mrs. John W. Gibson presided.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

La Foret Workshop—July 25-29
Laymen and Wives Retreat—La Foret —July 29 - Augut 5
Fall Mass Meeting—Planning Conference - Sept 9 and 10
SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION meeting at Mount Hope, October 2
EASTERN ASSOCIATION meeting at Ottawa, October 4
WESTERN ASSOCIATION meeting at Garden City, October 7 and 8
MIDWEST REGIONAL meeting at Evanston, October 16-18

BOOK BRIEFS

"NOW! Everybody Needs a Church" (Friendship Press) 35 cents; edited by Mary Margaret Brace and Lucy M. Eldredge.

Do you ever wish in these days that you could help young people and adults catch a vision of the church; the glory of it, the problems in it; how it is changing persons and conditions all over the world as well as right here in America? Here is a book that presents in about 130 fascinatingly written pages, stories, reports and observations about the church from Maine to California. If you want to get in on the glorious mission to America which the church has undertaken, then buy this book, read it and give a copy of it to someone who needs convincing. — Ione Catton.

"WE AMERICANS-NORTH AND SOUTH" by Geo. P. Howard, ($1.25 paper). This book is the basic book for the churches' study next year. It is packed with information, description, and an amazing account of the influence of true Christianity upon a people rapidly emerging into large leadership in world affairs. The author writes out of personal experience, for he was born in Argentine and knows the Latin American countries. Latin America is now the world's "cradle of growing youth and abundant power." A vigorous, progressive, and promising people is venturing into history with new experiments. Its lands are lavish with natural resources. Here Protestantism confronts a boundless opportunity. The "intellectuals" are described as "a vast moral and spiritual vacuum" while the native Indian population and people in organized labor call loudly for adventuresome evangelism.

Albert D. Stauffacher
Mrs. Charles Brewster
Literature Chairman

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Harry Schanker, President

Margaret Wilson, Secretary

Margaret Wilson
State Secretary

Margaret Wilson of Wichita Plymouth and President of Southern Association, attended the "Call to United Christian Youth Action" meeting at Hutchinson May 12. Pilgrim Fellowship is committed to "The Call" — through our Interdenominational Action Program. Margaret reports as follows: "Our special speaker was Charles C. Turner from the National U.C.Y.M. Staff.

"The Call to United Christian Youth Action" is the boldest step in cooperative Christian Youth work ever undertaken. It is being issued throughout North America to all Protestant Youth and their adult leaders. The project will be promoted through the denominational camps and conferences, thereby enlisting the help of an estimated 300,000 leading denominational young people. Promotion will take place in state and local youth councils. Sept 1, 1951, forty young people will be added to the U.C.Y.M. Staff to give assistatnce to state and community councils. They will make plans for the 1952 Youth Week Observance. During this time it is estimated that at least one million young people will answer "The Call."

"Our world desperately needs an outpouring of life in unrestrained and genuine Christian service. No one life, no one denomination, or community is enough. The immensity of the task, the urgency of the need, demand cooperative Christian action of a dramatic and comprehensive nature. Therefore, it is up to us, every single individual, to enlist at least a million young people and their adult leaders in a common expression of dedication and action. For if we build the church of God with a strong and united Christian foundation today, we will have a strong and united Christian congregation tomorrow."

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPECIAL

The U.C.Y.M. Regional Conference will be August 5-11, 1951 in Estes Park, Colorado. If enough young people from Kansas can go, the Kansas Council of Churches will charter a bus. Young people 16-25 interested in either registering or chartering a bus should write Rev. Milton Vogel, 633 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, or the State Conference office.

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"THE PEEPING PILGRIM"

is the name of the weekly Newsletter put out by Topeka Central Pilgrims.

Harry Schanker,
New State President

LOYAL P/F'er

Harry Schanker, Jr., of Kansas City Welborn, was a popular counselor and Camp Banker at Junior High Camp. When the Eastern Association Rally met recently at Kansas City Welborn, Harry demonstrated unusual ability as host and program leader. He is well qualified for State President.

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SEABROOK P.F. REORGANIZE

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Erickson of Topeka Seabrook and nineteen young people enjoyed picnic and Vesper Service at Lake Shawnee, May 27. Plans for summer meetings were made and the following officers were elected: Monte Rowe, President; Joan Pollard, Vice President; Kay Pool, Secretary, and Lyle Armstrong, Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams will sponsor the group.

P.F. MEETING AT S.E. COMMUNITY

The P.F. groups of Wichita Plymouth and Fairmount met with the young people at Wichita Southeast Community Church May 6 and organized a new P.F. group. There were about 50 in attendance from the three churches. Best wishes to our new Pilgrims.

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DAVE McMULLEN TO YALE

Dave McMullen, Topeka Central and Eastern P.F. President, has been awarded a scholarship to Yale University amounting to $1,000.00. While at Topeka High he edited "The World," student newspaper, and was concert master and president of the Trojan Symphony. He is also Vice President of The Topeka Christian Youth Council.

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BETTY HIXSON, PRESIDENT, SIGMA ETA CHI

New officers for Sigma Eta Chi are: President, Betty Hixson; Vice President, Betty Reid; Secretary-Treasurer, Leona Manz; Song Leader, Jeannine Wedell.

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As we go to press registrations for Camp Wa-Shun-Ga are —

142 Senior Campers, 21 leaders.
167 Junior Campers, 21 leaders.

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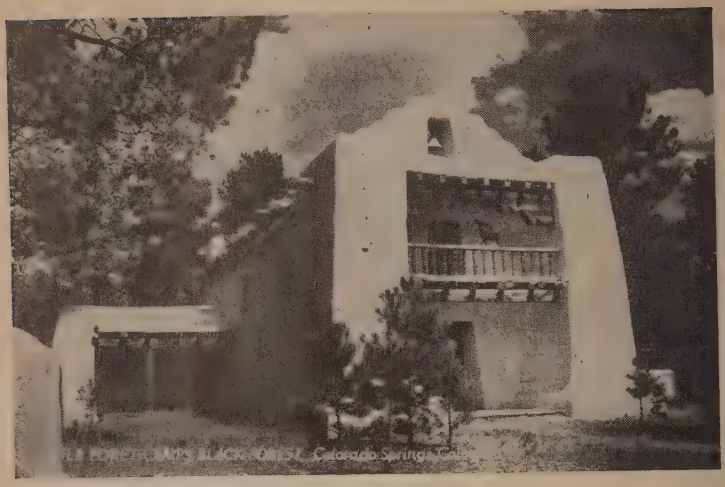
CHARTER MEMBERS

Gorham Community Church closed its charter roll with more than a hundred members. The Pleasant Dale School building has been purchased and will be moved to a favorable location in Gorham. Members are donating labor to excavate for a basement and make the necessary improvements on the building when it is moved. The Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell is the minister.

Christian Education Notes



La Foret Chapel

LA FORET BECKENS CHURCH SCHOOL LEADERS

This year the Pilgrim Series Summer materials will be used as a basis in the Departmental Workshops. The general theme is on Worship and will offer many practical helps for both large and small churches. Other courses are listed on the following schedule:

Wednesday, July 25

3-5 P.M.—Registration
6:00 —Dinner
7:30 —Fellowship
9:00 —Vespers

Thursday, July 26

7:30 A.M.—Breakfast
8:15 —Matins
9:00 Departmental Workshops
Kindergarten, Miss Ruth Curry
Primary, Miss Mary Grubbs
Juniors, Mrs. Winifred Howell
Jr. High, Miss Geraldine Gregg
10:30 —Recess
11:00 —Old Testament
Dr. Allen Wehrli
12:15 —Luncheon
1-3 P.M.—Free Period
3.00 —Evaluation Period
3:30 —General Courses
Class Room Procedures
Use of Bible in Pilgrim Series
Educational Philosophy in Series
Visual Aids
4:30 —Church School Adm.
Mr. George Burridge
6:00 —Dinner
7:30 —Dr. Allen Wehrli
8:30 —Fellowship
9:30 —Vespers

Friday, Saturday - Same daily program

Sunday, July 29

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
9:00 —State groups meet
10:00 Suggestions for next year
11:00 —Service of Worship
12:00 —Dinner

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WHO'S WHO IN LEADERSHIP

Miss Ruth Curry, editor of children's publications and a member of our Na-

tional Division of Christian Education, will present the "Use of the Bible" and the "Educational Philosophy" in Pilgrim Series. She has recently returned from a visit to Palestine.

Mr. George Burridge, layman from Green Bay, Wisconsin, will discuss the work of the Superintendent and the work of the Christian Education Committee. Mr. Burridge is Chairman of the Conference Christian Education Committee in Wisconsin.

Dr. Allen Wehrli, Old Testament Professor at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Grove, Mo., will again present some of his classic interpretations of Old Testament characters.

OPEN TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY

This camp is open to the entire family at a cost of only $12 per person, children under eight, $8. This in an ideal opportunity to combine four days along with a vacation in Colorado. Send registrations to Rev. Cyril M. Hicks, 1657 Pennsylvania Ave., Denver, Colorado.

STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE

Miss Evelyn Richards, Newington, Conn., and Miss Priscilla Pope, Morrisville, Vt., students at Schauffler College of Religious and Social Work, Cleveland, Ohio will spend the entire summer working in our Kansas churches. Following Junior High camp they will conduct Vacation Church schools. Their itinerary includes Maple Hill, Council Grove, S.E. Community Church, Wichita and Haven. This service is supported by the State Conference and the Board of Home Missions.

NEW VENTURE AT GREAT BEND

The first Inter-denominational Laboratory School was held in Great Bend June 2-8. It was sponsored by the Christian Education Committee of the Great Bend Council of Churches. Miss Florence Carmichael, former National Director of Children's Work for the Disciples of Christ, was the supervisor. Other leaders included experienced children's workers. Mrs. H. M. Clevenger was the local director, and Mrs. C. E. Denman, librarian. Mr. E. C. Wedell, president of the Great Bend Council of Churches, and Mrs. Walter Mayers, Chairman, of the Christian Education Committee, were responsible for securing the leadership of this school.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL ECHOES

A number of churches are observing the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Vacation Church School this year. We have report of success from Osborne, Onaga, Towanda, Junction City, Lawrence, Topeka First, Seabrook and Seaman, Partridge, Almena, Wheaton, Garden City and Emporia.

FAMILY FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

All members and friends at Topeka First participated in gala festivities in Friendship Hall June 5. The teachers and children of the church school planed a program in which they could share their past year's activities with their families. Mr. Williams Burns is superintendent and Miss Geraldine Gregg, Christian Education adviser. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. George Staebler, assisted by the fiftth and sixth grade pupils.

NEW MATERIALS

See the June issue of "Tomorrow" for listing of new books and audio-visuals available from the State Conference. Our new mission study books are on Mexico. They make excellent vacation reading.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

The Religious Drama Workshop will be August 16-27 and the 8th Audio-Visual Education Workshop, September 2-8. Both are held at Green Lake, Wis. Write State Conference for details.

Pleasant Home Church

THE PLEASANT HOME CHURCH

In the year of 1887 Nelson McDaniel and several other neighbors organized a church and Sunday School in a sod school house located where the Pleasant Home Church now stands.

Nelson McDaniel served as pastor until 1893 when Elder R. W. Pittman moved into the neighborhood and organized the Pleasant Home Christian Church on March 3, 1893.

The sod school house served as a church for a number of years — when it was replaced by a frame building.

There were 16 charter members — 2 are still living, Mr. John McDaniel and Mrs. Herman Tipton.

Twelve pastors have served the Pleasant Home Church in 64 years; they are: Nelson McDaniel, R. W. Pittman, J. W. Tipton, J. G. Merritt, C. E. Huff, Seldon Humprey, B. S. Barton, Edyth Dorrell, Marvin Brown, T. S. Knowles, Lowell Renberger and Wm. Cook.

Some of those serving as deacons in the early years of the church were, Emmet Lister, D. W. Dillinger, F. M. Koontz and John McDaniel, who is now deacon Emeritus, serving for life.

The present deacons are: Harry Peter, Jr., McDaniel, Herman O'Neal, Roy Wilson, Jay Hicks. Those serving as church clerk are: Albert Lister, Millie Lester, Mary McDaniel, Belle McDaniel, Sylvia Finley and LaVaughn Glaco, 1949-1952.

By 1930 the school house used for church was too small and several meetings were held to decide about a building program.

In 1933 a larger building 24x36 feet was purchased and moved and remodeled for the church. The men of the church dug a full basement and the building was moved onto it and dedicated in 1934.

By 1949 the congregation had again outgrown the building and a fund was started for a new building. On Aug. 8, 1950 excavation was started for the new building. Mr. John Miller was hired as Head Carpenter and worked with his crew; the men of the church working whenever they could.

The building was completed by the first of December and the first Sunday of December 1950 we held our first service in the new building which is 30 by 58 feet, with full basement. It has flourescent lighting, oak floors, and automatic pressure water system; it is of frame construction, with asbestos siding.

With the new equipment, the total cost was $22,000.00 which does not include several hundred hours of donated labor.

The church, debt free, will be dedicated June 17 with Dr. L. M. Rymph, as Guest Speaker.

Mrs. Troy Dillinger

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HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On May 13, the Rev. Mr. Good, Pastor, received seven members into the church on confession of faith; illness prevented several others from joining. Mothers were given corsages by the Couples Class and the sacrament of The Lord's Supper was observed.

NEWTON MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DINNER

A unique and highly enjoyable Mother and Daughter banquet was held at the Newton Congregational Church on May 9th, sponsored by the Women's Association. Places were laid for 80 mothers and daughters. A group of the husbands of the members, very ably served the dinner and every woman took her place at the table. Mrs. J. R. Cottingham welcomed the daughters and Jean Stone responded in appreciation of the mothers. Nancy Becraft gave a reading and Mrs. Kenneth Walton and daughter Susan played a piano duet. Mrs. T. V. Oltman was guest speaker and gave a gripping and entertaining talk on "Home Life in China" in which country she has had much experience in Missionary work. Mrs. C. W. Young, Chairman of the program committee, acted as toastmistress. The program closed with the group singing led by Mrs. O. T. Meador with her daughter June, at the piano.

SEABROOK CHURCH REDECORATED

Men, women and boys have worked several days to make the sanctuary at Seabrook Church refreshingly clean and lovely. Because the church expects to build before long, it was thought unwise to spend too much money on the present building, but it was in need of a good cleaning. The Woman's Fellowship decided to pay for paint and varnish, if volunteer workers could do the work. Many hands have done a fine piece of work in a short time. The walls are a lovely soft green with the front wall over the worship center painted rose. All floors and pews were revarnished and the church really shines!

KIOWA MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Pilgrim Daughters Class sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 3, with 107 present, served by the men and boys of the church. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers — each table-piece being a bowl shaped as a lady's hat and filled with flowers. Mrs. Bud Humphrey was Toastmistress, Mrs. W. C. McGee gave the Invocation; Mrs. Hazel Rodkey, Class President, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Kenneth Lewis introduced guests having third and fourth generations present. Mrs. Roscoe Lewis and Mrs. C. D. McBrayer sang a duet, "In a Little Old Garden" accompanied by Mrs David Johnson. Eva Joe Shipers gave a reading, "Mother" and Shari Lynn Rodkey played two piano solos. The evening closed with the group singing, "Now the Day is Over." Each couple was charged $1.00 and this money was used to send their young people to camp.

TO PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Steve Jones, who has been pastor at Downs for the past two years, leaves the middle of June for Berkeley, Cal., where he will continue his seminary work, for three years. The Jones' have secured housing on the campus; a four room apartment, furnished, located in a beautiful part of the bay area and close to the C.A.L. campus. Nothing certain yet, but he does have promises of part time work — he hopes as assistant in one of the churches, where he can get experience in church administration.

SABETHA WELCOMES WHITES

A big church dinner was planned to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm White and their four children on their first Sunday, May 20. Previous to their arrival a food shower was held and basement, kitchen and bathroom shelves were filled with food and supplies. The conference joins the Sabetha people in welcoming this missionary family from China to our Kansas fellowship.

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